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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - IRANIAN PRESIDENT
AHMADINEJAD'S VISIT TO INDIA, PAKISTAN

¶1. LEAD STORIES: All Wednesday morning papers gave front-page coverage to the ruling coalition's plan to enact legislation to reinstate gasoline surcharges for road construction, as well as the announcement by a state-run institution that the deadly H5N1 strain of avian influenza was detected in dead swans found in northern Japan.

¶2. "Iran's Presence Growing in South Asia" On Iranian President Ahmadinejad's recent visit to Pakistan and India, a Tehran correspondent for the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri wrote (4/30): "Ahmadinejad is determined to block U.S. attempts to encircle his country over nuclear issues by enhancing Tehran's ties with New Delhi and Islamabad through the construction of a pipeline network shipping natural gas to India via Pakistan.... The pipeline project with the two neighbors is becoming increasingly important for Iran, given intensified U.S. pressure on regional countries not to undertake projects with Iran. A start of the project would enable Iran to claim that U.S. pressure is not working."

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